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Patent No. : 7,068,929

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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A
RETRACTABLE LENS

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182
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Sir:

For the reasons explained below, Patentee respectfully requests a duplicate ribbon copy of U.S. Letters Patent No. US 7,068,929 to replace the ribbon copy of the patent apparently lost in the mail.

Statement of Facts

- (1) Application No. 10/646,907 was filed on August 25, 2003.
- (2) The application was granted as U.S. Patent No. US 7,068,929 on June 27, 2006.
- (3) The original ribbon copy of the Letters Patent has never been received by the Patentee's U.S. attorneys.

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(4) The Office of Publications was contacted on September 19, 2006, and, according to Ms. Farmer, the original ribbon copy of the Letters Patent was mailed to the Patentee's U.S. attorneys on June 23, 2006.

(6) The Office of Publications indicated that a duplicate copy of the Letters Patent could be obtained by filing a Petition for Duplicate Copy of the Letters Patent in the Office of Petitions.

REQUEST

In view of the above, it is believed that the ribbon copy of the Letters Patent was lost in the mail. Accordingly, Patentee hereby petitions for the issuance of a duplicate ribbon copy of the Letters Patent.

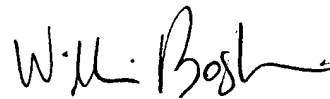
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Please direct any questions or comments regarding these matters to the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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